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SUBJ: DISMISSAL OF LESZEK MOCZULSKI AS ROPCO SPOKESMAN  
CONFIRMED; MOVEMENT SEEKS TO BROADEN ITS BASE

1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER  
JUNE 20, AN ACTIVIST MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS (ROPCO)  
CONFIRMED LESZEK MOCZULSKI'S OUSTER AS ROPCO SPOKESMAN,  
REPORTED BY REUTERS A WEEK AGO. THE SOURCE EXPLAINED  
THAT "MOCZULSKI'S PRETENSION OF BEING EDITOR IN  
CHIEF OF "OPINIA" (THE ROPCO SAMIZDAT MONTHLY)  
HAD BEEN UNDEMOCRATIC. IN THE FUTURE, HE SAID,  
ROPCO WILL NOT HAVE A FORMALLY DESIGNATED SPOKESMAN,  
BUT KAZIMIERZ JANUSZ HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO PASS  
INFORMATION TO JOURNALISTS AS AUTHORIZED BY THE  
ROPCO BOARD, ON WHICH ANDRZEJ CZUMA REMAINS FIRS AMONG EQUALS.

2. THE ROPCO INFORMANT, WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN  
INVOLVED IN THE DECISION TO REMOVE MOCZULSKI AS  
SPOKESMAN, SAID THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC ACT FOR WHICH  
MOCZULSKI WAS BEING PUNISHED, ALTHOUGH THE REUTERS  
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REPRESENTATIVE HERE SAID HE HAD BEEN CRITICIZED  
FOR MAKING "IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS TO A FRENCH  
JOURNALIST". (COMMENT: THE ONLY RESIDENT ONE IS  
BERNARD MARGUERITTE, FIGARO, WITH WHOM WE WILL CHECK  
THIS STORY ASAP. END COMMENT.) MOREOVER, THE  
INFORMANT EMPHASIZED THAT SINCE "ROPCO IS A MOVEMENT,  
NOT AN ORGANIZATION," IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO EXPEL

MOCZULSKI FROM IT.

3. ROPCO, THE INFORMANT CLAIMED, IS ".. CURRENTLY TRYING TO BROADEN THE VASE OF ITS ACTIVITIES TO MAKE IT MORE REPRESENTATIVE AND THEREBY ABLE TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH THE RANK AND FILE OF WORKING PEOPLE." HE ALSO SAID THE CHANGE IN THE MOVEMENT'S LEADERSHIP WOULD ENHANCE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION WITH KOR.

4. THE ROPCO INFORMANT ADDED THAT TWO LAWYERS IN LODZ, WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT, ARE SEARCHING THE LAW, SEEKING A LEGAL BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING A TRADE UNION OF INDEPENDENT WRITERS AND PUBLISHERS THAT WILL SERVE AS AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOR A VARIETY OF SAMIZDAT PUBLICATIONS, INCLUDING OPINIA AND ZAPIS.

5. COMMENT: ANOTHER EMBASSY SOURCE, WHO HAS AHD CLOSE CONTACTS WITH ROPCO ACTIVISTS IN WARSAW, RECENTLY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER DIFFERENCES IN THE MOVEMENT'S LEADERSHIP, ESPECIALLY BETWEEN MOCZULSKI AND WOJCIECH ZIEMBINSKI. HE DESCRIBED THESE DIFFERENCES AS LARGLEY ARISING FROM PERSONALITY CONFLICTS, BUT SAID THERE ALSO WAS SOME DISAGREEMENT OVER ROPCO'S GENERAL POSTURE TOWARD THE REGIME. ZIEMBINSKI, HE SAID, CONFIDENTIAL

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WANTED THE MOVEMENT TO TAKE A MORE OVERTLY CHALLENGING STANCE. WITH MOCZULSKI'S ROLE ON OPINIA'S EDITORIAL STAFF NOW APPARENTLY AT LEAST DIMINISHED IF NOT ELIMC ATED IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE OF THE JOURNAL'S POLICY LINE TAKES A TURN IN THAT DIRECTION.

6. WE ALSO RECALL THAT OCCASSIONAL RUMORES HAVE ALLEGED A CONNECTION BETWEEN MOCZULSKI AND THE SB. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SUCH SUSPICIONS MAY HAVE INFLUENCED THE ROPCO LEADERSHIP'S MOVE AGAINST HIM. END COMMENT.

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